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SUBJECT: SENATE LOCKHEED HEARINGS: FRG REPLY TO DEPUTY
SECRETARY INGERSOLL'S OFFER OF EVIDENCE.

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FRG OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN BOELLING DEVOTED NEARLY ALL OF
HIS PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 8 TO DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF
DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL'S OFFER TO MAKE AVAILABLE
TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS INFORMATION ON POSSIBLE CORRUPTION
INVOLVING AMERICAN FIRMS AND FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND FRG
REACTION THERETO. BOELLING DESCRIBED CAREFULLY CONDI-
TIONS OF THE OFFER AND THEN SAID THAT THE FRG WOULD
REQUEST SUCH INFORMATION ONLY WHEN IT HAD REASON TO
BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A SITUATION FOR WHICH SUCH INFORM-
ATION WOULD BE USEFUL. HE EMPHASIZED THAT FACTS SO FAR
KNOWN DO NOT CONSTITUTE SUCH REASON. HE NOTED, AS HAD
BEEN ANNOUNCED PREVIOUSLY, THAT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
HAD SENT AN OFFICIAL TO WASHINGTON TO FOLLOW THE HEAR-
INGS. THE OFFICIAL IS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO RETURN TO
GERMANY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARINGS
SO FAR AS THEY DEAL WITH MATTERS OF INTEREST TO GERMANY,
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AND MAKE A REPORT. ONLY IF THERE IS EVIDENCE-WORTHY

OR LEGALLY UTILIZABLE MATERIAL WILL THE GOVERNMENT TAKE
UP INGERSOLL'S OFFER. IN SUCH A CIRCUMSTANCE, BOELLING
SAID, NO POSSIBLE PRECAUTION WILL BE NEGLECTED. IN
CONFORMANCE WITH AMERICAN AND GERMAN LAW, IN NO CASE WILL
NAMES OF GERMAN PARTIES BE ANNOUNCED PREVIOUS TO THE
INITIATION OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. BOELLING SAID HE HAD
NOT BEEN INFORMED OF LEGAL STEPS AGAINST ANY GERMAN
PARTIES AND THAT THERE WAS NO BASIS FOR MAKING IMPUTA-
TIONS OR INSINUATIONS.
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